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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bellevue Police Department Body-worn Camera Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bellevue, located at 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. The funding would be used to help increase accountability and transparency in interactions between officers and members of the Bellevue community. By acquiring the camera technology, the program will enhance the Police Department's patrol operations, incident investigation, incident response, and crime prevention.

While the Bellevue Police Department has policies and training in place to de-escalate situations, this project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the body-worn camera program would be an additional tool to create a safer situation for both the public and the officer. Federal funding will help ensure every Bellevue officer has this important technology that will help build mutual trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress